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(Dallas Townsend substituting)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An event almost unprecedented in the Communist world -- took place today in North Korea. The country once identified as Red China's closest satellite -- issuing a virtual declaration of independence. Not only from Peking -- but from Moscow.

The proclamation -- in North Korea's official Communist Party newspaper. In an editorial entitled -- "let us fight for our independence."

The article asserting that North Korea -- as well as "all Communist countries -- must be independent." of every outside interference; if they are "to develop the proper form of revolution -- for their own countries." "Communists cannot live -- ideologically shackled to anyone" -- said the article. "They should not dance to the tune of others."

The statement -- just about the boldest yet by a Red

satellite. Placing North Korea one step beyond -- even Romania;
Russia's reluctant partner -- in Communist Europe-- and at least
alongside of Yugoslavia.

CRIME

Crimes of violence -- here, there and almost everywhere, it seems -- in today's news.

At Webster Grove, Missouri -- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hausler and their two sons -- found shot to death in their home. Police calling it -- a triple murder and suicide.

At New Haven, Connecticut -- a former janitor in the Winchester arms factory -- returning to a company cafeteria; there blazing away with a pistol -- in a scene reminiscent of that recent Texas slaughter. Joseph Davis of New Haven -- wounding four of his former co-workers; before he himself -- was shot and killed by police. Davis wanted at the time -- in connection with the earlier slaying of a woman friend.

And across the Atlantic -- three unarmed London bobbies -- shot down and killed in coldblood. The worst case of its kind -- in London since Nineteen-Ten.

VIETNAM

Halfway round the world -- another mighty U.S. air assault today -- against Communist North Vietnam. American jets -- completing a total of a Hundred and Eighteen missions. Including a pin-point strike -- against the critical Wong Bee power plant; which supplies about half the electricity for the Industrial heartland of the Communist North.

Back at Saigon -- American officials today confirmed Cambodian charges -- in a sense. Charges that American aircraft -- twice attacked a small village on the Cambodian border. The Americans arguing, however, that according to best available maps -- the target was in Vietnam, not Cambodia.

SUGGESTED LEAD-IN TO THOMAS TAPE

Lowell Thomas is currently in Europe -- on the trail of high adventure. Meantime, a special report he left us -- on the land down under.-- not Australia.

SUBWAYS

How's this for an unusual item -- Dallas?

Good Evening Everybody -- I'm back in London and I'm wondering how many of us think of New York as the great subway city, possibly even the birthplace of the subway? Dr. Melville Grosvenor of the National Geographic has just been telling me that Washington, D.C. may soon get a full scale subway system. And that other cities that are planning subways include San Francisco, Montreal, Brussels, Prague, Venice, Rio de Janeiro, Melbourne, Australia, Rotterdam and several more.

Also that Tiflis, the capital of the Soviet Republics of Georgia, opened a subway in Nineteen Sixty-Six. Milan, Italy, in sixty-four, Lisbon Portugal in Nineteen Sixty and even Haifa, the Israeli seaport, just up the line from Jofa, has had one since Nineteen Fifty-Nine.

But the grandmother of all subways is the one (here) in London "underground" that has been running since Eighteen

SUBWAYS--2

Sixty Three, for more than a hundred years. Gladstone was the Prime Minister at the time and Gladstone presided at the opening of the London "Tubes" of course Paris, Moscow and a number of other cities have them; but, I was surprised to hear that many many more capitals are getting ready to build subways.

Now the rush hour in Tokyo, oh, that's something.

Hundreds of men are employed in Tokyo to push you and jam you into the cars. And now, so long (from London) as I head for the Tubes.

BRITAIN

Thank you Lowell.

Britain's wage-price freeze -- today became law.

Royal assent officially launching -- the most ~~stringent~~ ^{stringent} ~~stringent~~ austerity program in British peace-time history. The new law giving Prime Minister Harold Wilson unprecedented powers -- to freeze wages and prices for ^{up} to one year. Coincidentally -- clearing the way for a summer recess -- for a weary Parliament.

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul today formally completed the work of that recent far-reaching Ecumenical Council. By executive order--the Pope ordering Council-approved changes in church policy; affecting bishops - priests - missionary activity - and religious life in general.

So ends--officially--a momentous occasion in church history. / A Vatican spokesman asserting, however, that "the work of the Ecumenical Council--will go on for centuries."

Dr. Samuel Hildesheim said the death rate--may represent only the tip of an iceberg. / Assuming--said he--a vast increase in non-fatal heart attacks and strokes--during the same period.

Those of us who lived through it--were well aware that that recent July heat wave--was a real killer. / Now-- the evidence /-of how deadly it was.

Dr. Stanley Shuman of the University of Michigan-- today reporting nearly Thirteen Hundred so-called "excess deaths." / In just Five states--Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin--during the July hot spell. "By logic and timing"--said the doctor--"a toll that can be attributed directly to the heat."

Dr. Shuman adding that the death rate--may represent "only the tip of an iceberg." / Assuming--said he--a vast increase in non-fatal heart attacks and strokes--during the same period.

JAYNE

Down in Caracas, Venezuela -- movie sexpot Jayne Mansfield was under virtual house arrest today. Local Tax officials -- preventing Miss Mansfield from leaving the country. While they check out our earnings -- from appearances the past two days in Caracas and Maracaibo.

The nature of Miss Mansfield's alleged tax offense -- if any -- still a mystery. Could it be, Warren, that she failed to fill out her form -- properly?

PANTS

From Cape Girardeau, Missouri -- the sad story of lawyer R. P. Smith. Defense counsel -- in an auto accident case. Who was gesturing vigorously with both hands -- to make a special point; when suddenly his pants fell down -- right there in court.

After regaining his composure -- and reducing his exposure -- the attorney explaining that he had lost -- "quite a bit of weight"; and his belt -- "was too loose." To top it off -- he later lost the case.

"A most embarrassing situation -- on both counts --" said Lawyer Smith.

Good Night.